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BOOK REVIEWS.

STUDIES IN JURIDICAL LAW. By HORACE E. SMITH, LL. D.
Pp. xxv + 359. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1902.

Three hundred and four pages of the above work are devoted to the title subject; the remainder of the book is devoted to two papers read in the past by Mr. Smith, the one on "The Plea of Insanity" (1882), the other on "Literary Property and International Copyright" (1883). The aim of Mr. Smith, as set out in his preface, was, first, to define the term "juridical law;" second, to present the main features of the subject, omitting all unnecessary and confusing matter. The work is meant to be elementary, to present for lawyer and layman in tangible form "the cardinal principles of certain neglected subjects of the law."

The definition of law as laid down by Blackstone is justified and criticism of it by others is rebutted. Then follow brief discussions on the origin of government and law, the relation between the government and its subjects, written laws, common law, criminal law, military and martial law, equity jurisprudence, admiralty and maritime law, international law, the law merchant, the Mosaic code, Roman or civil law, Roman law in England, Anglo-Saxon institutions and laws, the feudal system, pleading and evidence.

The book is too elementary to be a reference book of value. It is a source of suggestions to a lawyer seeking to instruct himself on the "cardinal principles" of the law rather than a source of working knowledge on these principles. The book is readable. Its field of usefulness, however, is, to our minds, not as a text-book or reference book, but rather as a book for legal recreation.

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REPORTS ON THE LAW OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN TERRITORY
SUBJECT TO MILITARY OCCUPATION BY THE MILITARY FORCES
OF THE UNITED STATES. By CHARLES E. MAGOON. Pp. 730.
Washington: Published by order of the Secretary of War.
1902.

The War Department has, by means of this publication, given to the country a history of its action in questions arising under the military occupation of our newly acquired islands. The book is a series of reports prepared by the Law Officer of the Insular Department for the use of the Secretary of War in deciding the legal questions that arose. It contains a full discussion of the powers of the War Department and of Congress over the acquired territories. The interpretation of the treaty of peace with Spain and an application of the principles of international law are necessarily involved in many of the cases concerning